

# Bitter rot (ABR) & Glomerella leaf spot (GLS) delle pomacee

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# Sintomi

- Piccole macchie fogliari color porpora che si estendono, con forma irregolare. Le foglie ingialliscono e cadono prematuramente.
- ► Comparsa sui frutti di piccole lesioni brune, rotondeggianti che in prossimità della raccolta si accrescono dando origine a marciumi anulari, talvolta circondati da un alone rossastro. Sulle lesioni si formano masserelle ceroso rosate costituite dai conidi del fungo, disposti in cerchi concentrici.
- ► Le lesioni si approfondiscono nella polpa assumendo una forma a cuneo. I frutti colpiti possono cadere anticipatamente oppure mummificano rimanendo attaccati alla pianta.
- ► I medesimi sintomi sui frutti possono comparire anche in post-raccolta, durante la conservazione in magazzino.



# Colletotrichum gloeosporioides – Biologia ed epidemiologia

- Si conserva nei mesi invernali sui frutti infetti caduti a terra o mummificati rimasti sulla pianta, nelle fessurazioni della corteccia, sui cancri causati da altre malattie e sui rami secchi (anche potature non rimosse), sotto forma di periteci della forma perfetta (*Glomerella cingulata*) e acervuli della forma agamica (*Colletotrichum gloeosporioides*).
- Le infezioni sono causate dalle ascospore e dai conidi, rilasciati per tutto il periodo vegetativo in concomitanza di eventi piovosi e diffusi tramite il vento e l'acqua.
- Condizioni favorevoli alle infezioni sono: frutti prossimi alla maturazione, periodi caldo umidi (UR prossima alla saturazione) e temperature di  $>26^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
- Varietà di melo suscettibili: Golden delicious, Honey-crisps, Gala



Conidi di *Colletotrichum gloeosporioides*



# Glomerella fructicola

## First Report of *Colletotrichum fructicola* Causing Apple Bitter Rot in Europe

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Bitter rot is one of the prevalent diseases of apple (*Malus pumila* Mill.) worldwide. The disease affects the fruit pre-harvest in orchards and/or post-harvest in storage, causing considerable economic losses. Until recently the reported causal agents in Europe were the *Colletotrichum acutatum* species complex (Baroncelli et al. 2014; Nodet et al. 2018); however, species belonging to *C. gloeosporioides* species complex were reported recently in Belgium (Grammen et al. 2018). In September 2017, bitter rot symptoms were observed on apple fruit (cultivars Joya Cripps Red, Granny Smith, and Pink Lady) in orchards in the region of Occitanie in France. The rot began as circular brown lesions 2–3 mm in diameter, which enlarged rapidly (e-Xtra 1).

## Disease Note

### Diseases Caused by Fungi and Fungus-Like Organisms

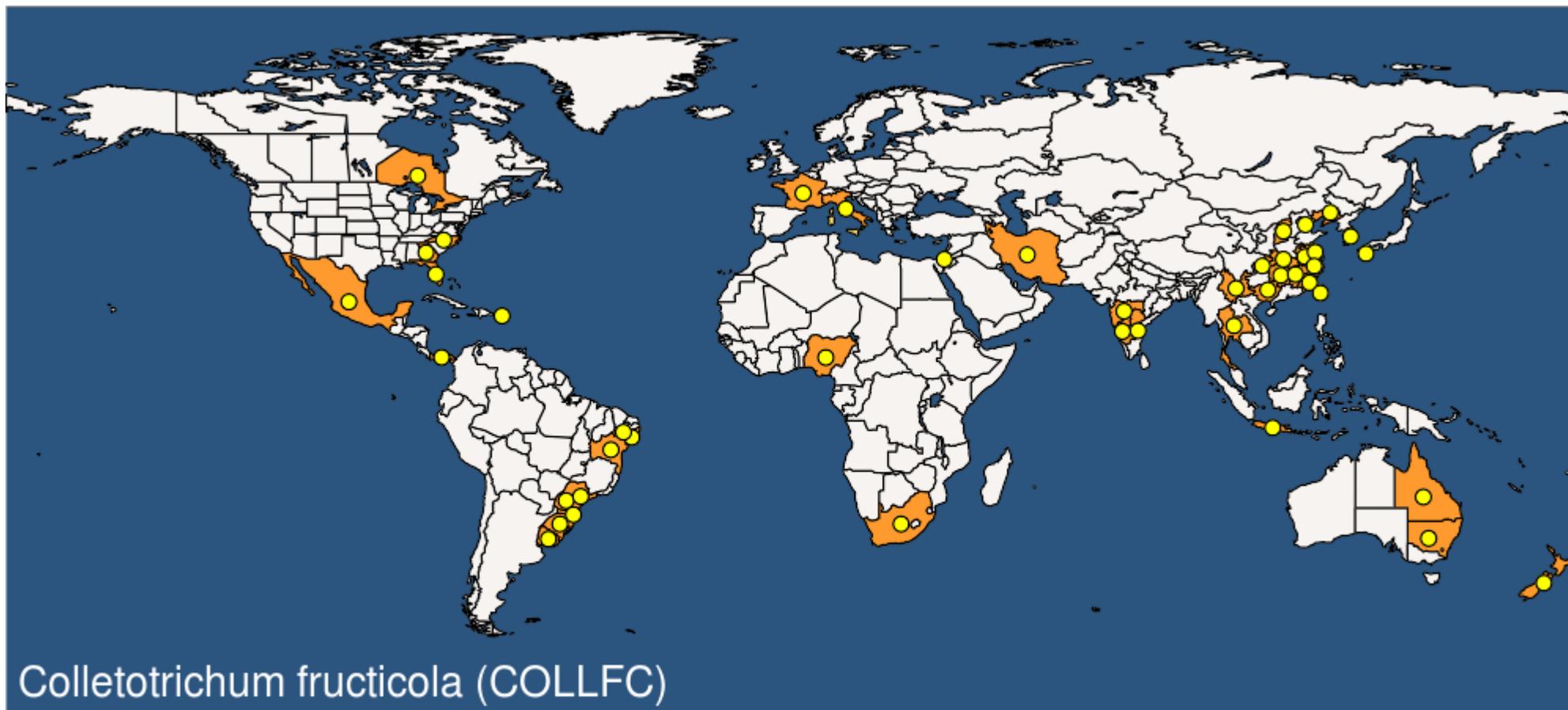
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*Colletotrichum fructicola* (COLLFC)

● Present

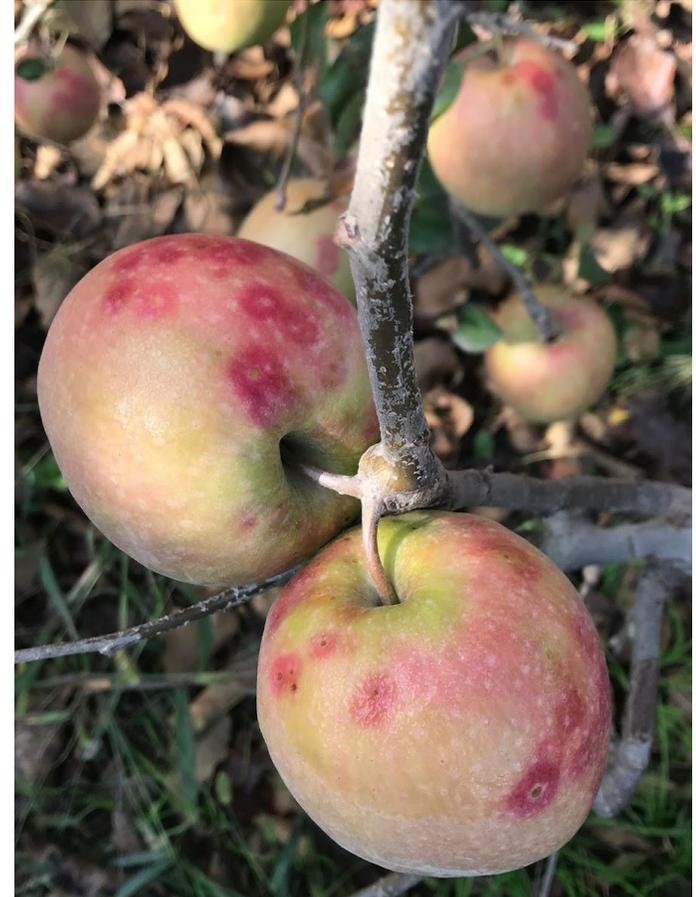
● Transient

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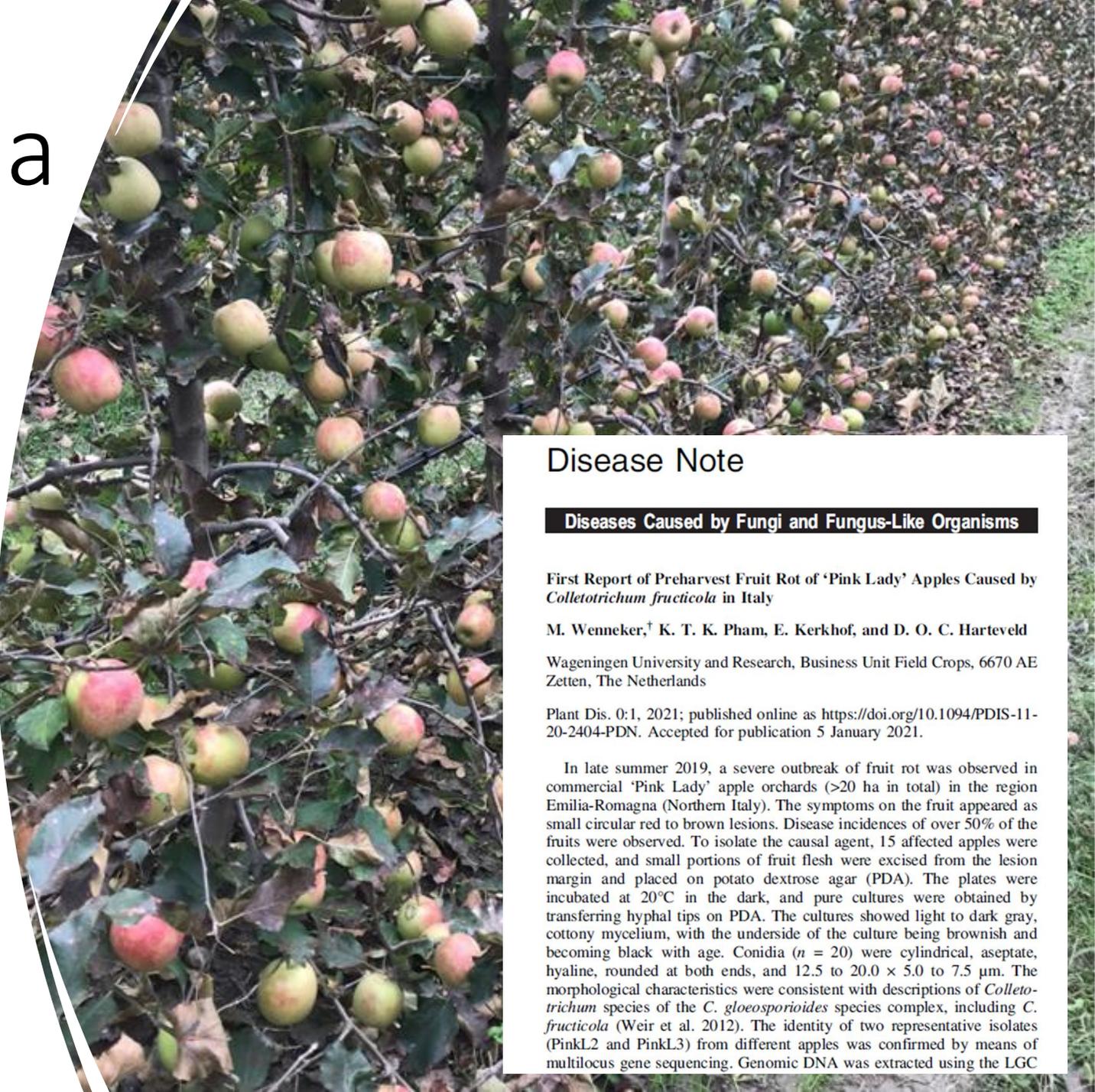
# SINTOMATOLOGIA

Puntinature porpora – macchie necrotiche fogliari - Defogliazione precoce - Bitter rot sui frutti



# GLS in E-Romagna

- Prima segnalazione nel 2019 in Emilia-Romagna e Veneto. Ricomparsa nel 2023, mentre nel 2020, 2021, 2022, non si era manifestata con virulenza (influenza del regime pluviometrico). **In espansione nel 2023.**
- Intense **defogliazioni** a partire da cv Gala, Granny Smith, Pink Lady.
- **Marciumi lenticellari dei frutti** (Gala, Pink Lady, Story Inored, Esmeralda),
- Condizioni climatiche favorevoli sono caratterizzate da piogge intense e temperatura elevate).



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### SITUAZIONE GLS NORD ITALIA

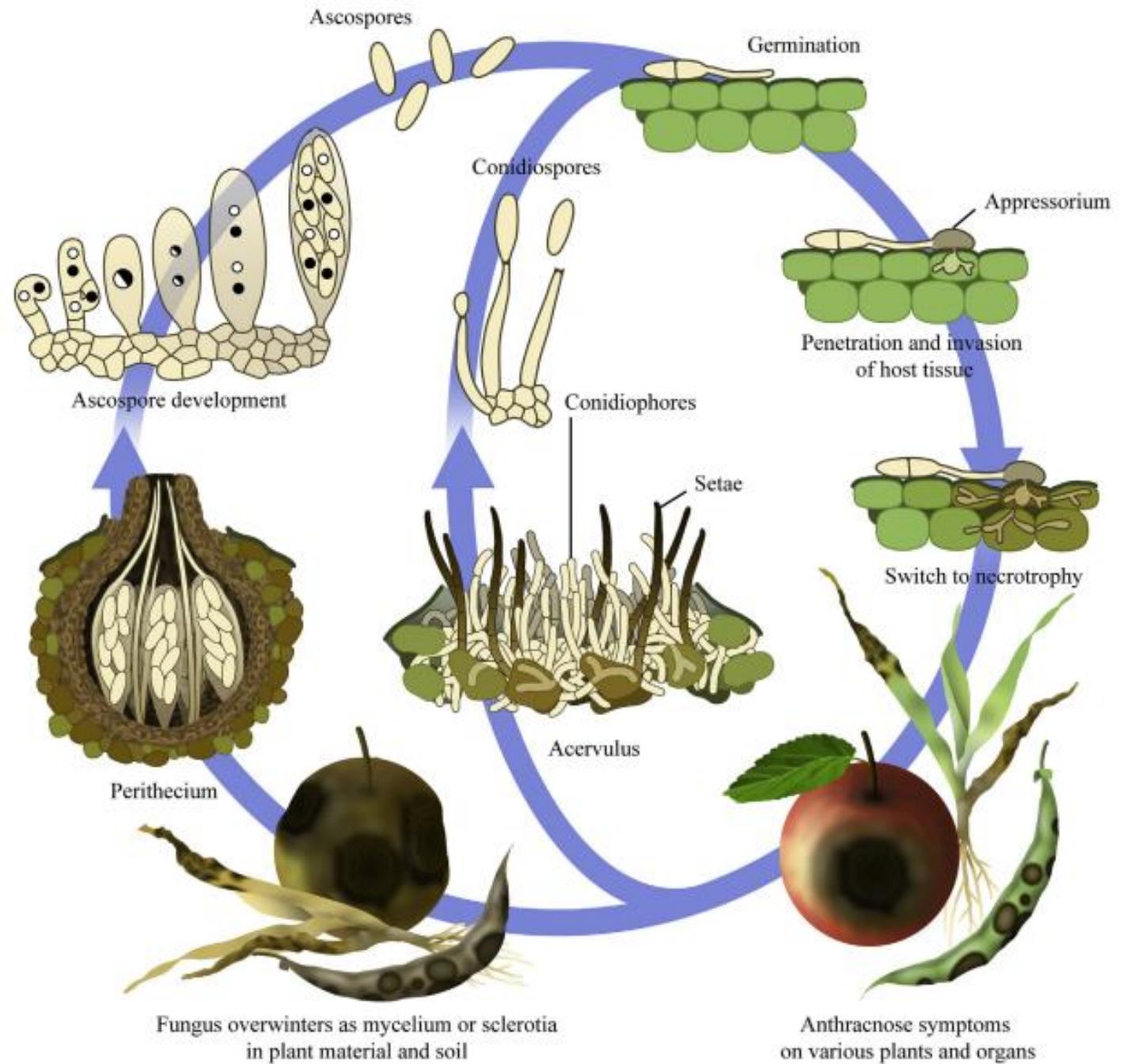
Diffusione: \* bassa; \*\* Media; \*\*\* Elevata

Anni	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
E-Romagna	**				***
Piemonte				*	***
Prov. Aut. Bolzano		*		**	***
Prov. Aut. Trento				**	
F.V. Giulia		*		*	***
Veneto	*	**		**	***
Lombardia					

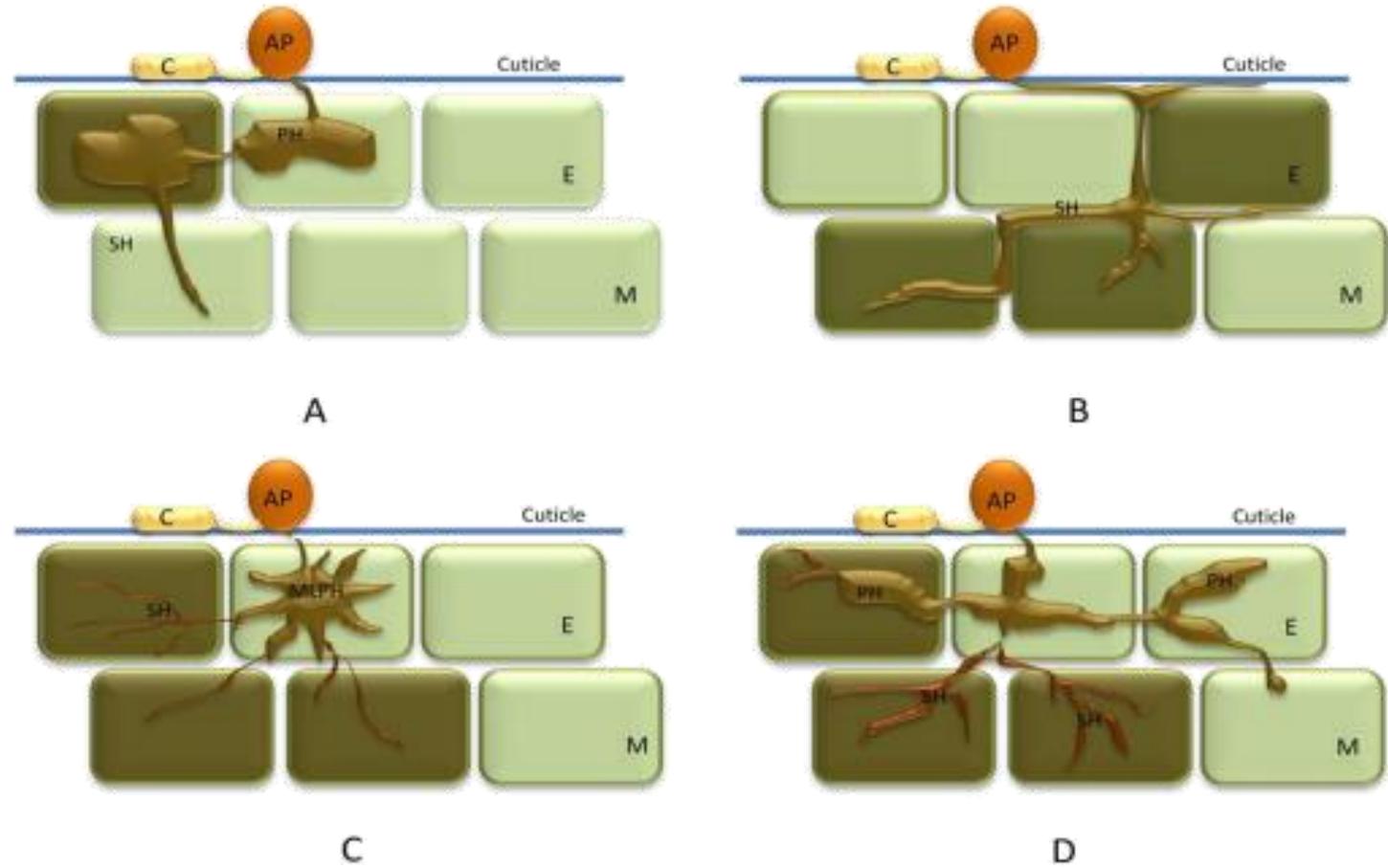




# Ciclo biologico



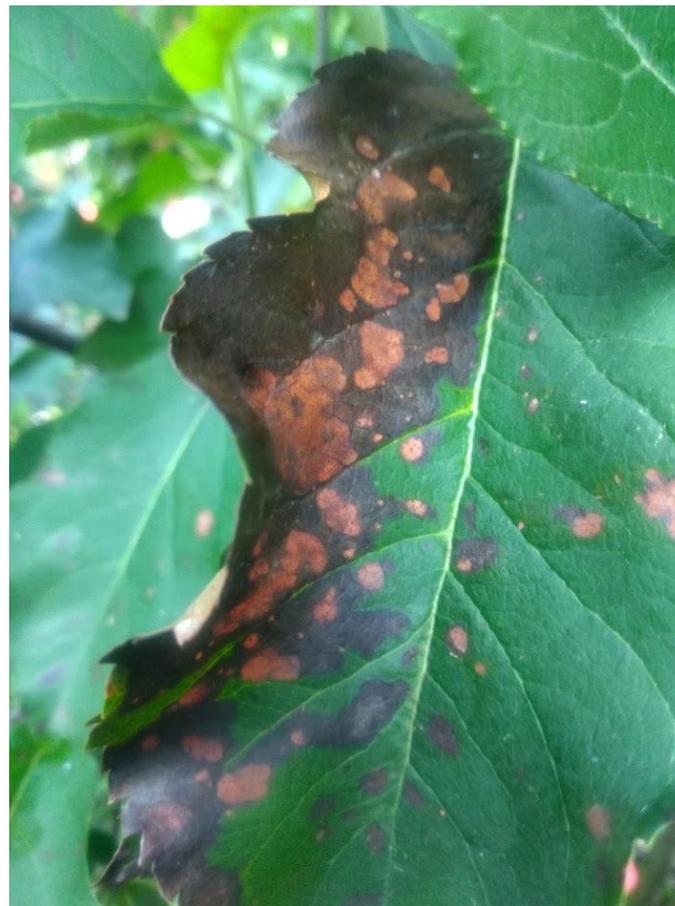
# Habitus



**Fig. 4 – Post infection strategies adopted by *Colletotrichum* species A: Intracellular hemibiotrophy B: subcuticular, intramural necrotrophy C: localized hemibiotrophic infection with multilobed primary hyphae D: Extended hemibiotrophy. C: conidia, AP: appressoria E: epidermal cells, M: mesophyll cells, PH: Primary hyphae, SE: Secondary hyphae, MLPH: multilobed primary hyphae.**



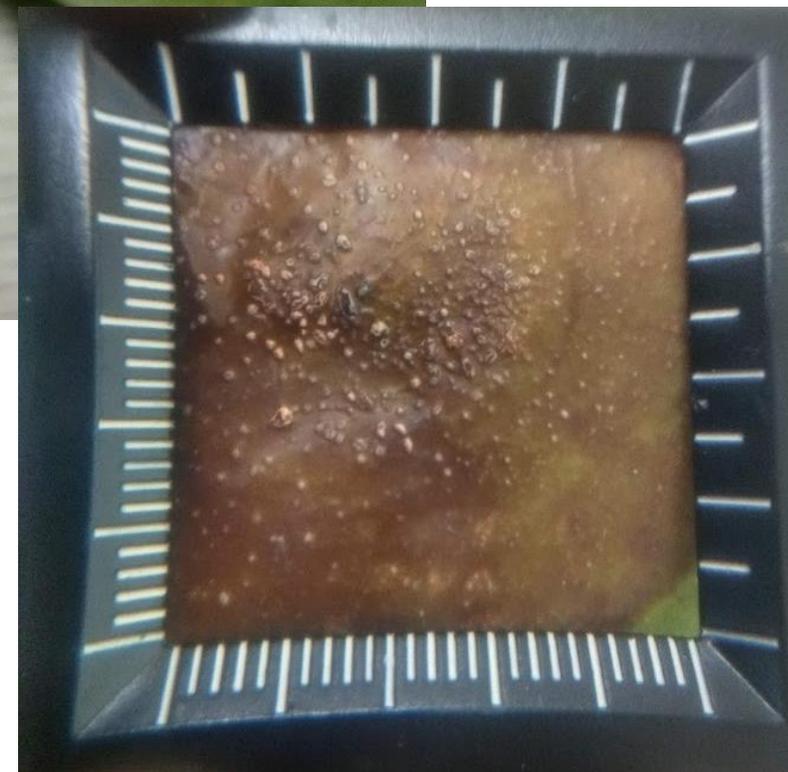
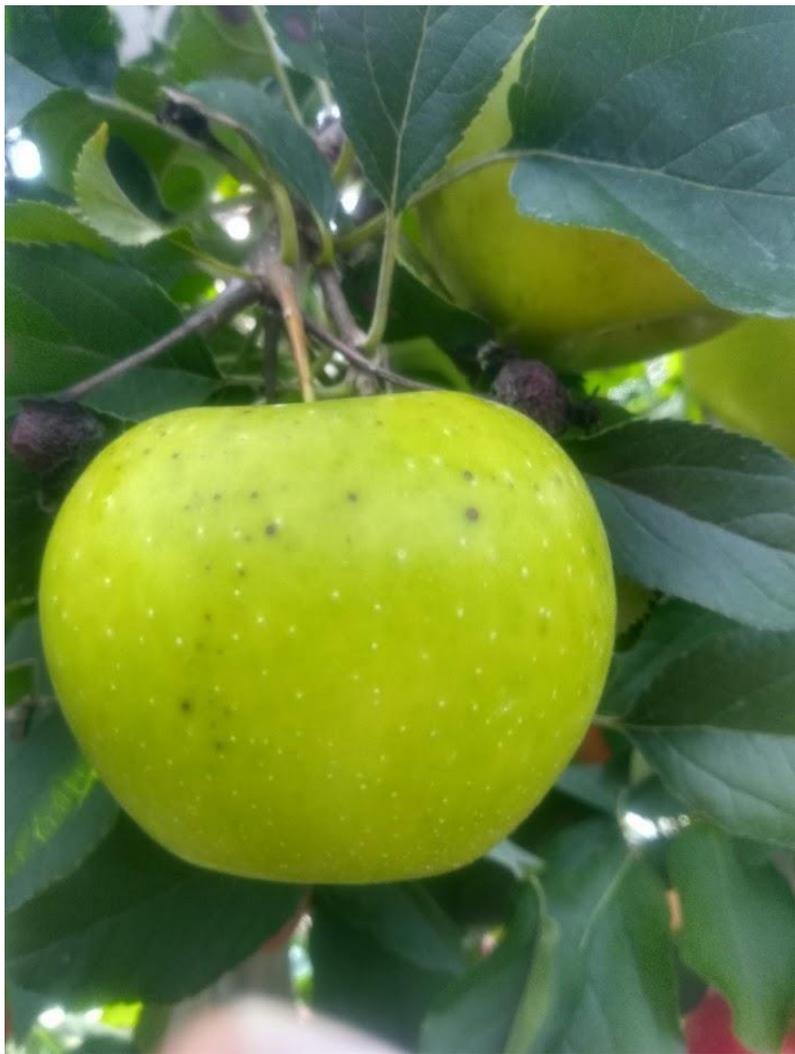
# Diverse sintomatologie



# Defogliazione precoce



# Granny smith



# GLS (Glomerella Leaf Spot)

DIFESA DALLE MALATTIE

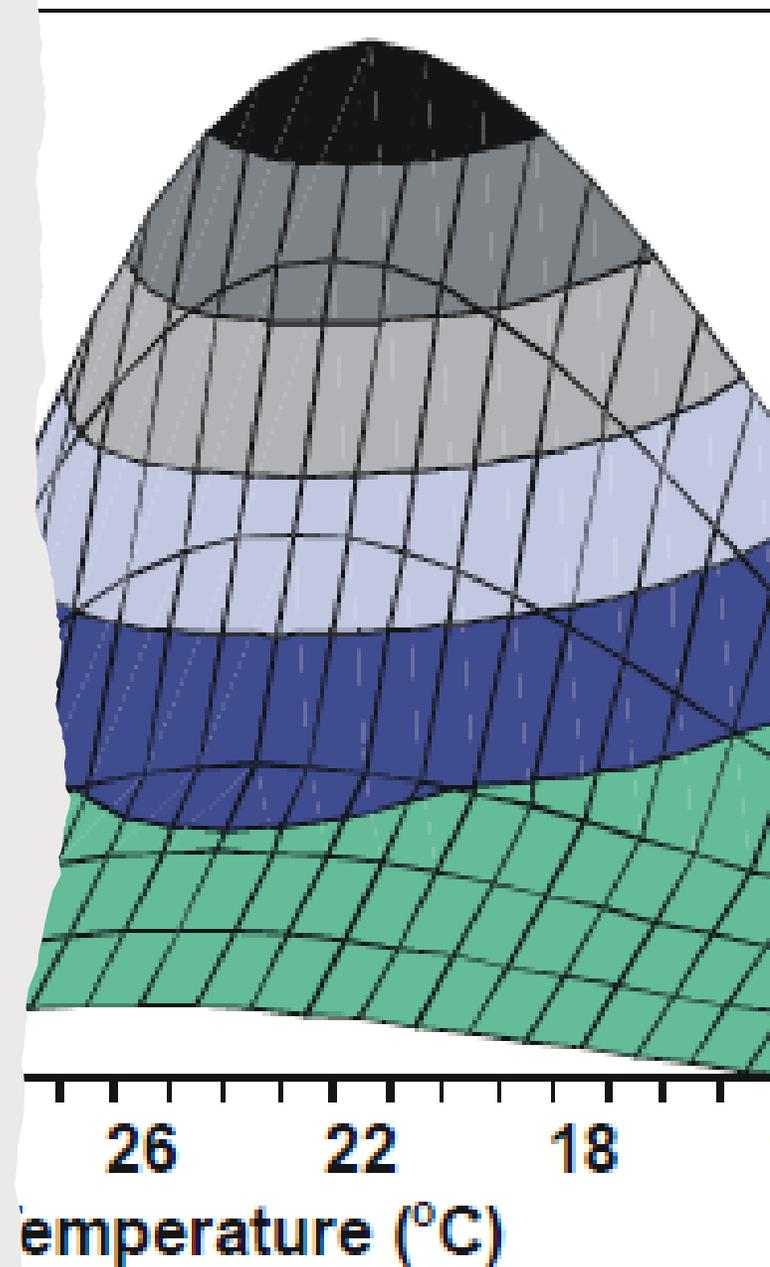


*COLLETOTRICHUM SU MELO*

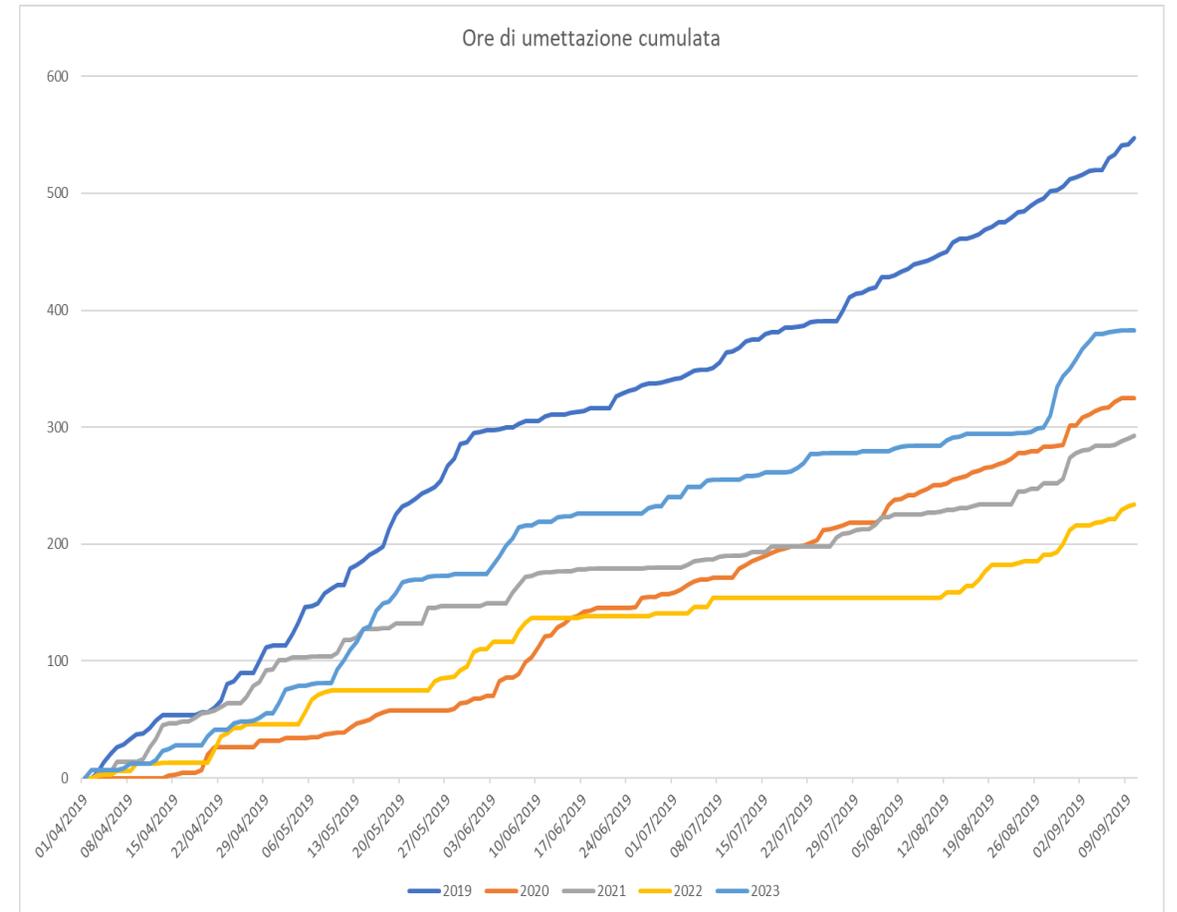
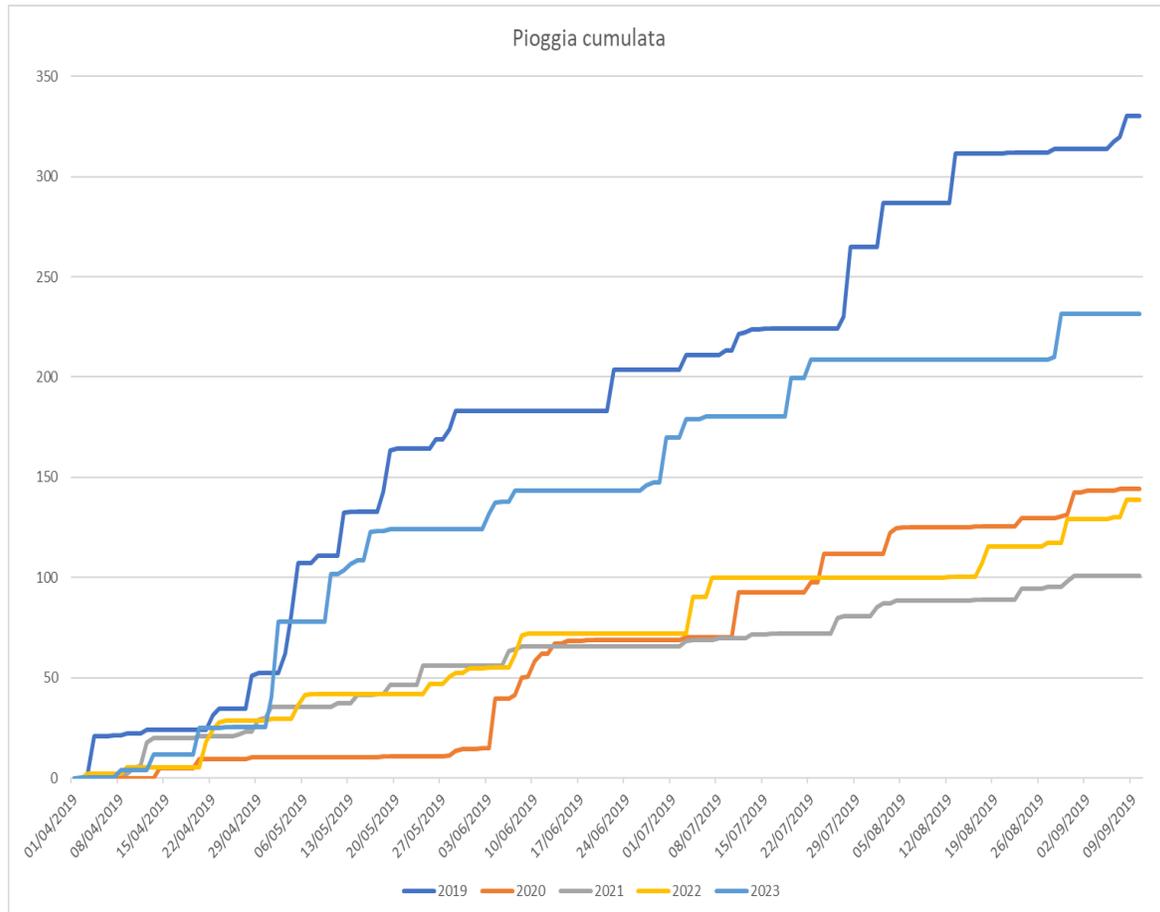


# INFEZIONE

- Temperatura  $>14^{\circ}\text{C}$
- T.opt.  $26^{\circ}\text{C}$
- T.max  $35^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Bagnatura fogliare da 10 ore a 32 ore



# Clima (Portomaggiore – FE)



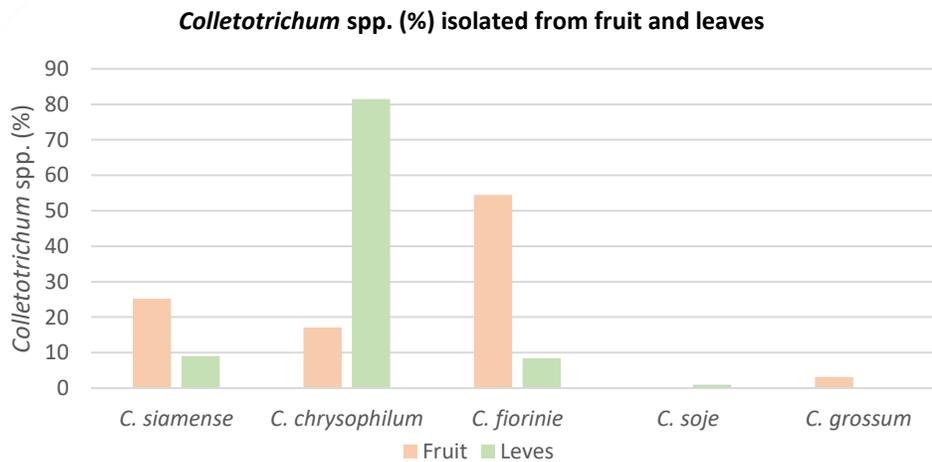
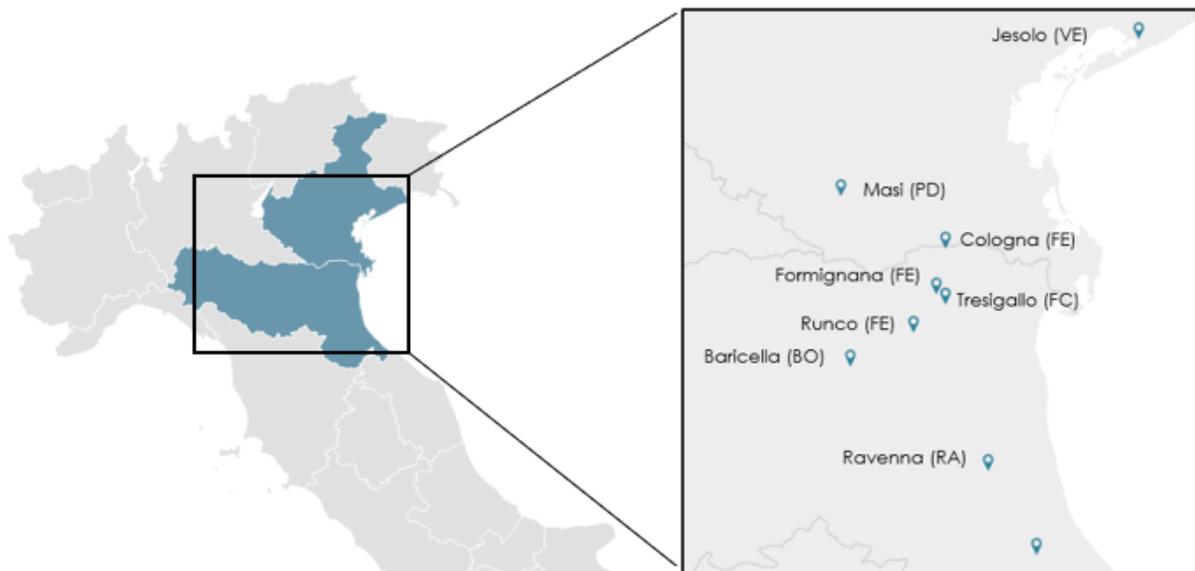
# Sopravvivenza

gemme (conidio)  
Piccoli cancri (conidio)  
Foglie infette cadute a terra (peritecio)

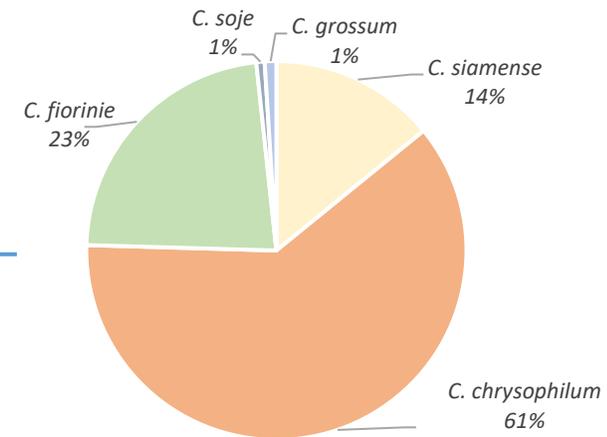
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# Sampling and isolations

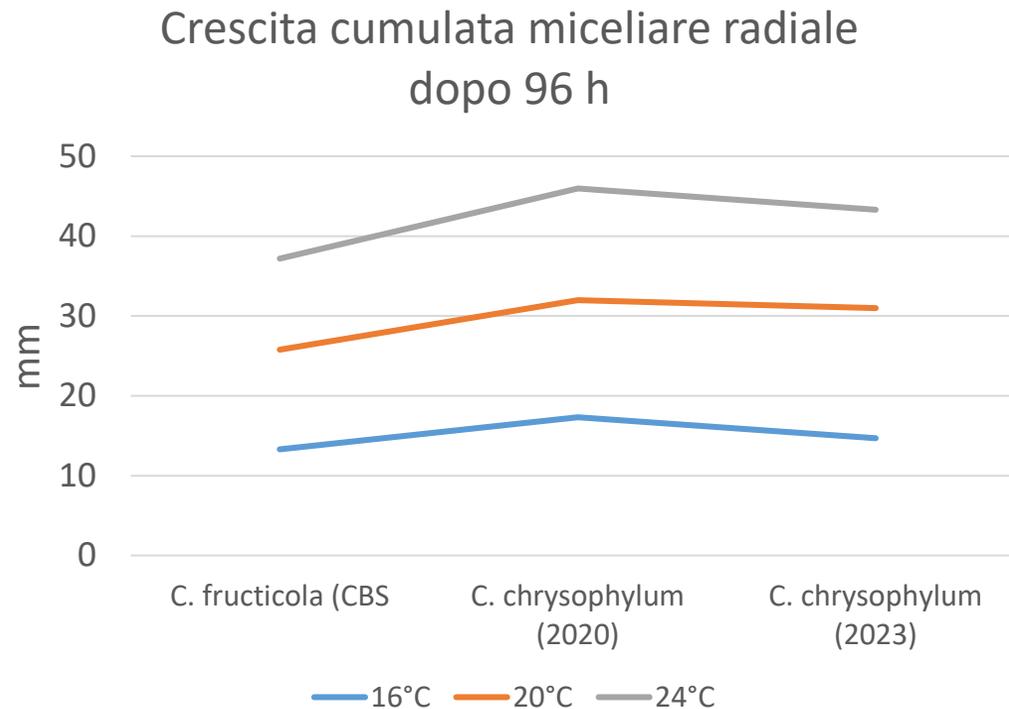


**Colletotrichum spp. (%) isolated in Northern Italy**



## RISULTATI

### Effetti della temperatura sulla crescita di *Colletotrichum*



### Simulazione della sintomatologia durante la shelf-life

La simulazione dello shelf life per osservare un possibile sviluppo dei sintomi non ha mostrato una **progressione significativa della loro espressione**. Solo in due dei 10 frutti con sintomi di GLS è diventata visibile un'altra macchia durante i 54 giorni a temperatura ambiente. Due dei frutti (uno con e uno senza sintomi di GLS) hanno mostrato un leggero marciume nella zona del peduncolo 34 giorni dopo la raccolta, che si è esteso all'intera mela dopo 54 giorni.

## CRITICITÀ

### Epidemiologiche

- individuazione dei sintomi precoci
- Individuazione dei momenti infettivi più importanti

### Fitoiatriche

- Difesa: individuazione delle s.a. maggiormente performanti (sia in Bio che in Integrato)
- Definizione di strategie di difesa possibilmente a basso impatto
- Sanitazione



# Difesa

- Il rischio infettivo ha inizio generalmente dalla fine fioritura in poi in funzione delle condizioni climatiche predisponenti caratterizzate da alta frequenza di piogge e dalla prolungata bagnatura fogliare. I trattamenti dovrebbero pertanto essere eseguiti preventivamente seguendo l'andamento pluviometrico con cadenze non superiori a 10 giorni.
- **Mancozeb**, metiram ziram,
- captano,
- **Dithianon**
- **Qol**
- fosfito di K
- **fluazinam**.